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THE PANTHER



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Lady Panthers rush past Lady Tigers Prairie View basketball prevails 58-49 over Texas Southern

By Tequelia Lewis
Panther Staff

The Lady Panthers had an unforgettable win against Texas Southern at William "Billy" J. Nicks last Saturday. The game's final score ended with the Lady Panthers 58-49, sending the Lady Tigers home with no victory, improving Prairie View A&M University (12-7, 9-1 SWAC).

Junior forward Robin Jones was carried off the court during the second quarter because of an unexpected injury.

The game started off slow with a jumper by Nadosha Strickland from Texas Southern scoring a two-pointer at the 18:56

mark. For four minutes there wasn't much action taking place on the court, until Candice Thomas gained two free throw shots for the Lady Panthers. Texas Southern continued to bring a strong defensive effort, causing the Lady Panthers to stay behind for most of the first half, until Dominique Smith managed to get a three-pointer leading the game 8-4 at the 12:40 mark. Guard Latara Darrett had an amazing cross-over between the legs and ran full court, knocking down a jumper to make the score 15-12 with Prairie View down by three points. Lady Panthers trying to keep up with the Tigers continued to fall behind, Lady Tiger Jasmine Cannon ended the first half with seven points bringing the Lady Panther deficit to 24-18 at halftime.

After the half Prairie View started

to pick up the pace on the court, getting the crowd ecstatic by Darrett dominating the ball and picking it up on the defensive end as well. Darrett scored a total of 10 points in the second half alone. With Darrett's production, the Lady Panthers went on a run now only being down by two 34-32. Faith began to prevail after a 14-4 run, giving Prairie View the ultimate chance to lead the game when Robin Jones made a successful free throw, tying the game 34-34, before a time out at 10:57. Lady Panthers seemed to be getting more focused as time was passing.

After time out, Darrett placed the Lady Panthers two points ahead at 10:41, then Smith swooped in to gain the Panthers two more points with a lay-up 38-34. For two minutes the Lady Panthers consistently scored

points leading the game, unlike the first half. Smith scored another three-pointer at 5:16, giving hope that the Lady Panthers would leave with a 48-44 victory. The Tigers failed to make a score until the last two minutes in the game with Inisha Daughtry getting a free throw. Darrett ended the long wait at 23 seconds by making the last free throw leading the Lady Panthers to victory with a score of 58-49.

Darrett seemed to be the highlight of Saturday's game, leading Prairie View with 27 points, three assists, and four steals, Smith with 13 points, and three steals and Candice Thomas with 12 points, one steal, and two assists. Lady Panthers versus Jackson State home contest will be on Feb. 13, starting at 5:30 p.m.



All photos by Ronald Smith, The Panther

Let's go offense: (Left) Latara Darrett rushes a Lady Tiger for a quick layup (Above) Courtney Larson keeps the crowd on their feet as she sets up an offensive play.

Black vs. Brown seminar discusses similarities between Hispanics, African-Americans

By Amen Oyibo-Osifo
Panther Intern

The Office of Special Programs and Cultural Series hosted a seminar titled, "Brown vs. Black," promoting educational awareness of ethnic similarities between the African-American and Hispanic community on Feb. 5.

Junior education major Rachel Madison introduced Dr. Neil Foley, an associate professor of history and American studies at the University of Texas, as the keynote speaker for the seminar held in the Juvenile Justice Auditorium.

Foley philosophized and spoke on the great division that drew similarities between African-Americans and Hispanic societal behavior, mentalities, and work ethics.

Foley said, "Every other ethnic group has made it on the backs of African-Americans through the hardships their race has endured. From slavery to Jim Crow laws, Blacks paved the way through hardship for other ethnic groups to enter America. However, the thing that African-Americans have to realize is that Hispanics go through the same thing in their

countries. Separated by darker tones, and social statuses, blacks and Hispanics are very much the same."

According to Foley, the Hispanic race is one of the fastest growing minorities in United States. Foley also noted that the Census analysis in 2006 stated that the Hispanic population jumped to 15 percent, a whole three percent more than the 12 percent population of African-Americans.

Prairie View A&M University President George C. Wright said, "Our students on campus need to know how the black experience correlates with experiences of the Hispanics. This seminar enlightens students to see the struggles of another ethnic group and how it's the same as the black experience."

PVAMU Undergraduate Statistics of Hispanics and African-Americans

African-Americans	5,490	90%
Hispanics	253	4%

Source: pvamu.edu Fall 2007



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

We are a family: Students listen on as Dr. Foley discusses the two races.

PV students host Haiti relief campaign

By Ryan Rudd
News Editor

In collaboration with Campus Activities Board, the Student Government Association kicked off its Haiti relief campaign by gathering students on the second floor of the MSC to enjoy "Humpday After Dark," on Feb. 3.

SGA President Robert Powell said, "As a student I feel that this event humbled everyone, because it made us realize that there are people in Haiti who are experiencing things that we can't even imagine. It was a collaborative effort that kicked off a semester-long drive to assist those devastated by the natural disaster."

The event was originally assembled to raise awareness about the relief efforts for the disaster that occurred in Haiti. It began with students parading around the area while listening and dancing to music played by DJ MikeNIke.

Afterward, students enjoyed a performance by the Charles Gilpen Players and their tribute to Haiti, titled "Haitian State of Mind." The play portrayed a Haitian family who woke up to the devastation of the earthquake, in which they found their home in shambles, and their neighboring friends and family members injured. The play also displayed how hard life was in Haiti before the earthquake occurred.

Freshman drama major Sylvia Copes, a member of the Gilpen Players said, "I felt honored to be sharing my artistic abilities with my peers for the aid and relief of a nation of people."

The event ended with the viewing of the video for the song titled, "Are You Listening: A Love Song for Haiti," a song which features Kirk Franklin collaborating with 150 other gospel artists to create a single that accumulates proceeds for Haiti.

SGA Vice President of Academic Affairs Bobby Smith said, "I was glad that the PVAMU students came together to support the relief efforts and show their support for Haiti."

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Students speak out against repetitive issues

By Brianna Jackson
Panther Staff

Restoring the Culture in conjunction with SGA hosted an open forum titled "Diary of A Mad Panther," to discuss issues and propose solutions to problems facing students campus-wide.

SGA President Robert Powell said, "Students have to challenge themselves to become better persons than they were last year, and surround themselves with people who are doing the same thing."

Among the first topics discussed was the issue of crime on campus. During this portion of the forum, students expressed their concerns about the university being portrayed in a negative light, and what could be done to display positive images of Prairie View students. Another topic was the issue of hazing, the definition of it, and how it could be prevented.

A controversial topic that was also discussed was student leadership and how some take advantage of their titles versus actually fulfilling their job descriptions. Students elaborated on how student leaders



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

Airing it out: Students gather to discuss improvements in conduct and culture on campus.

were removed from their positions, and how it proved that no one was above the student code of conduct. The topics of club attire, culture, and casual sex started a frenzy as students vehemently expressed their opinions and experiences with these issues.

The last of the topics discussed was "stop hating," "we've got to do better," and "the future of PVAMU students." Students gave their opinions on what the students at PVAMU can do to become a better person and eventually a stronger leader.

SGA Vice President of Academic Affairs Bobby Smith said, "It's up to us, as student leaders, to encourage one another to strive to do better because ultimately it's up to us, as PVAMU students, to improve and elevate our quality of life and education."

Special tribute given to Dubois

By Teque'lia Lewis
Panther Staff

The Office of Equal Opportunity presented a W.E.B. Dubois educational film in honor of Black History Month in the MSC lounge on Feb. 5.

The purpose of the film was to enhance students' knowledge on the important black figure, W.E.B. Dubois, who was the first African-American to receive a Ph.D. from Harvard University. Dubois helped form the National Association of Advancement for Colored People (NAACP), developed the first credited black civil rights newspaper called "The Crisis", and wrote the first Encyclopedia of Important Africans.

Renee R. Williams, compliance officer of equal opportunity, hosted the showing of the Dubois film. "I try to find black historical documentaries and literary authors to provide knowledge to the students every Friday," Williams said, "It's important to learn about historical figures like Dubois because

he received a Ph.D. in the 1800s after reconstruction. This shows that back then, black people were not always struggling, students only know of figures like Martin Luther King Jr."

It was an intimate and educational experience for the students, with black history pins and a Dubois fact book passed out. Facts and a survey were also presented to students to give them more information on Dubois, and to see if they retained any information from the film at the end.

Veronique Cooper, a freshman education major said, "Many students who attend a HBCU don't know the historical facts behind them, or the people who paved the way for them to get an education like Dubois. The event was very knowledgeable and I gained awareness on why we should learn more about black history."

Sophomore nutrition major Christine Williams said, "I personally feel like, we, as black students, lack knowledge of the importance of our culture because we don't know our black history."

McDonald speaks on America's diversity

By Teque'lia Lewis
Panther Staff

The Office of Special Programs and Cultural Series held an educational race relations seminar presented by Dr. Jason McDonald in the Juvenile Justice auditorium Feb. 9.

The auditorium was filled with President Wright, faculty, and students in an intimate setting. McDonald is from Great Britain, a graduate of University of South Hampton, and author of the encyclopedia "On the Move". He is also a historian specializing in the Progressive Era to the Great Depression. At the beginning of the seminar he presented statistics of race relations in America compared to Great Britain, and gave his impression of racism in America.

McDonald stated, "Ethnic diversity has always been a part of American history compared to Britain. Britain has never experienced segregation. In the 1970s I was introduced to racism and the civil rights movement, after watching the film 'King' by Paul Whitfield." McDonald continued, "The definition of racism

to me is the distinct differences between humans to cause segregation. Because of race issues, cultural differences arise which means certain genes affect that culture."

McDonald also spoke of assimilation; which is the process whereby a minority group gradually adopts the customs and attitudes of the prevailing culture. He used personal examples in America of assimilation, "When I visited the University of Texas, I was astonished how the predominantly white institution had black students separated in their own dorms."

He did state this was all from his point of view being a native European new to America.

He shared his observation of how white and black people view one another. McDonald said, "From my personal examination, I found lots of white people fear that blacks will punish them for past crimes in history. Whites are motivated by guilt, some don't even want to be racist and others don't share their views because it is socially unacceptable." He continued, "On the side of African-Americans, I detected they are very suspicious of whites."

Frazier, Black receive more off-season honors

By Ryan Rudd
News Editor

In recognition of their achievements throughout the 2009 football season, Coach Henry Frazier III and junior quarterback K. J. Black were allowed the opportunity to join the 100 Percent Wrong Club of Atlanta on Feb. 6.

Leading the team to a 9-1 record and its first SWAC championship season since 1964, Frazier received the club's Ralph C. Robinson Coach of the Year Award.

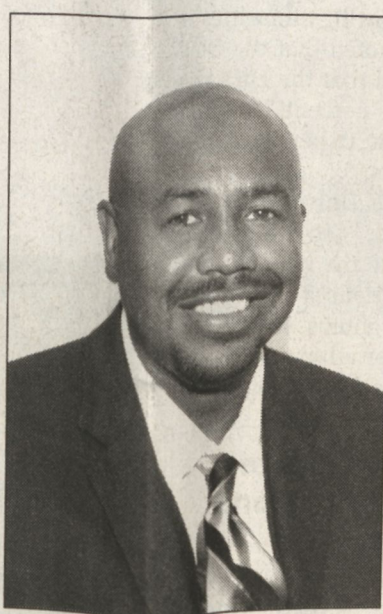
In addition to his SWAC Offensive Player of the Year Award, and leading the FCS division leader in passing efficiency, Black also received The Alonzo S. "Jake" Gaither Award. Considered the club's highest honor, this award is named after legendary Florida A&M head coach Jake Gaither, and it recognizes the

top athlete from a historically black college or university.

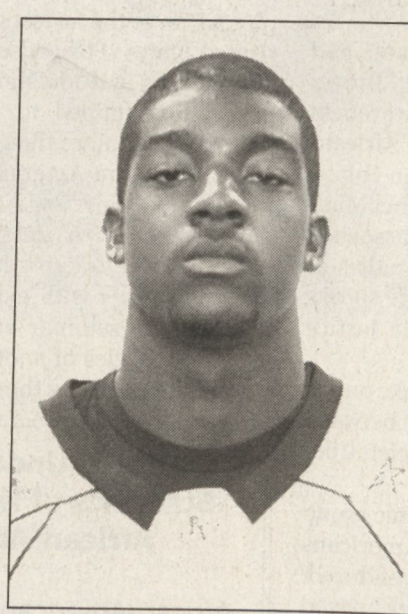
Black said, "It's an honor to be awarded any type of honor, no matter what it is. It's an honor that myself, Coach Frazier, and the school can be recognized in such high ranks."

Frazier and Black's recognition will continue this weekend, as they will be accompanied by red-shirt-junior defensive end Quinton Spears, junior offensive lineman James Delke, and senior defensive back Anthony Beck at the Sheridan Broadcast Network Black College All-American Awards in Orlando, Fla.

Spears said, "It feels good to be honored but, without my teammates, it wouldn't have been possible. After coming up short these past few seasons, it feels good to finally reach our goal, and win the SWAC."



Frazier



Black

Productive Poets & Co. display originality

By D'Ann Dickson
Panther Staff

Productive Poets & Company and the Office of Special Programs and Multicultural Events welcomed Black History Month with a poetry night on Feb. 4.

Throughout the event, there were poetic performances by Outspoken Bean, Trademark, Bree Diva, Deuce and C. Dot.

The spoken word pieces varied from relationships to black power to friendships.

Many of the poems re-

flected on the performers' personal experiences and endeavors. Bree Diva's moving poem titled "Enough is Enough" was inspired by her own experiences with abuse.

For more information on spoken word performances join Productive Poets & Company on Tuesday nights at Jazzman's at 6:30 p.m.

Program Coordinator II, Isis McCraw said, "We weren't sure how successful the turnout would be because the event was in competition with the talent show, but the 23 people we had allowed us to have a more intimate session."

PV DPS Blotter

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Information obtained in this report has been reported to dispatch and officers responded to these calls.

Week of Sunday, Jan. 31, 2010
to
Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010

Sunday, Jan. 31

☐ No calls for service.

Monday, Feb. 1

☐ 9:40 a.m., Officer met with a student at the police department who reported a lost wallet. Report Generated.

☐ 12 p.m., Officer met with a female student who walked into the police department to report a possible sexual assault. Report Generated.

☐ 12:30 p.m., Officers responded to a vehicle accident at University Village Apartments Phase I & II entrance gate. Accident Report Generated.

☐ 8:15 p.m., Officers responded to University Village Apartments #1316 in reference to a criminal trespass. Subject was arrested on a criminal trespass notice. Alcohol was also seized from this location. One person taken to jail on a criminal trespass notice, public intoxication citation also issued.

Tuesday, Feb. 2

☐ 12:15 p.m., Officer responded to a report of drugs at University Village North apartment's #2513. One university student and one non-university student arrested on possession of marijuana charge.

Wednesday, Feb. 3

☐ 3:40 p.m., Officer responded to a motorist assist in Lot #10. Returned to service.

☐ 3:40 p.m., Officer met with a subject who walked into the police department to report a possible hit and run offense. Report Taken.

☐ 3:56 p.m., Officer responded to University Village Apartments Phase I & II #2131 in reference to a possible overdose. Subject was transported to Brenham Hospital.

☐ 6 p.m., Officers responded to University College Building 42 in reference to a medical call. No transport.

☐ 6:10 p.m., Officer responded to a report of an injured player at the New Gym. No transport. Returned to service.

Thursday, Feb. 4

☐ 11 a.m., Officer responded to a medical call of an unresponsive person at the Juvenile Justice Building. No transport. Returned to service.

☐ 2:28 p.m., Officer met with a subject who walked into the police department to report a stolen credit card. Report Generated.

Friday, Feb. 5

☐ 11 a.m., Officer responded to a person stuck in the elevator at S. R. Collins. Maintenance opened door. Returned to service.

☐ 1:25 p.m., Officer responded to a motorist assist at FM1098 Loop. Returned to service.

☐ 3:40 p.m., Officer met with a student who walked into the police department to report a possible domestic violence situation. Information Report Generated.

☐ 9:07 p.m., Officer provided a courtesy transport for six females for University Village North Apartments. Returned to service.

Saturday, Feb. 6

☐ No calls for service.

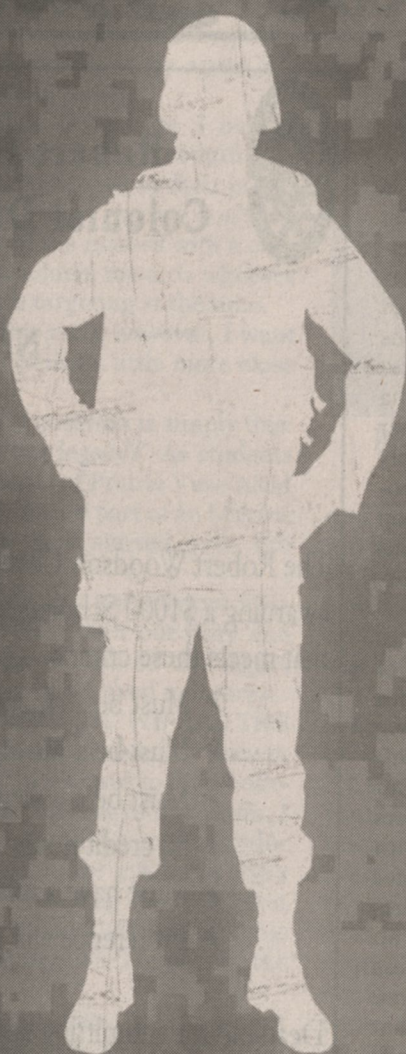
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Advice for Productive Students

Throw away that dumb phone



Courtesy of Google

By Aaron Jacobs
Business Manager

Now I know that almost no one uses these eight-pound relics anymore, at least I hope not. But a dumb phone is a phone that lacks the common features which most popular phones have. A smartphone is becoming more and more essential to staying connected to social and business networks. So get with the program and throw away that flip phone you have and use our phone upgrade to enter the professional realm of communication.

If you are a fellow tech enthusiast then you have seen the gradual transition of normal people who used to use low feature cell phones to fully capable mobile computers in their pockets. As students now and even as future career professionals it is important to realize the importance of technology. E-mail has become the primary source of new information in the professional networks. But as busy students with

busy schedules, reading an e-mail can be the difference in turning in an assignment on time, and missing something worth half your grade.

With a smartphone, educators, administrators, and students all have mobile access to the communications and information they need to get things done. Whether it's conducting research, updating records or collaborating with peers, a smartphone is the smart way to get more done. Smartphones provide mobile access to phone, e-mail, organizer and web browsing so you can stay connected and effective while you're on the go.

But even beyond school, while moving to and fro, a smartphone can keep you connected to the office 24/7, which makes businesses more effective. More often than not, after gaining employment, you will be issued a Blackberry. So getting used to this kind of company control is inevitable. You might as well learn the technology while still in school.

Although smartphones tend to be much more expensive to buy and service (data plans), the benefits outweigh the cost. The

major strength of these devices is networking. Facebook has almost single-handedly changed the networking scene, attracting both personal and professional outlets. Most smartphones have applications which allow a connection with Facebook. If you know a student from a class but don't know their number and you need help in a class, simply grab their number off Facebook mobile. Carrying around a bulky laptop or even a small netbook isn't reasonable for staying connected to whatever networks you are involved in.

E-mail is one of the things that define the different brands of smartphones. Some dumbphones have applications that allow viewing and replying to e-mails, but they offer a very lackluster experience. But push e-mail is a feature that offers real-time e-mail integration with your phone. As soon as the computer server receives the e-mail, it pushes itself onto the phone through an Internet connection. So regardless of the style of the smartphone you choose, this is the functionality that connects beyond simple phone calls and text messages.

Another strength of a smartphone is being able to run Microsoft Office programs to create and even edit documents. I have even typed whole papers on my phone before. With the proper connection it is also possible to run PowerPoint presentations directly from your phone.

Lastly, with all these heavily professional functions, smartphones have the processing power and memory to handle games, music, and other applications to take your mind away from the stress of work. All work and no play makes a student or worker get burnt out. There needs to be a balance in life. So in-between classes or meetings, it's perfectly OK to listen to music, watch a movie, or even play a game.

But if you are stagnant and adamant about clinging to old technology be warned that not having knowledge of current networking capabilities will only serve to harm you professionally.



Robert Woodson Chapter Colonial Dames XVII Century

NEWS RELEASE

February 5, 2010

The Robert Woodson Chapter, Colonial Dames XVII Century is awarding a \$1000 Scholarship available to a student from any college that meets these criteria:

- Must be a citizen of the United States
- Must be a Montgomery County, Texas resident
- Must be a college Junior or Senior with a minimum of 30 credit hours
- Must have a minimum of 3.0 GPA
- Preference will be given to History and Education majors

Deadline for submitting application is March 21, 2010. Check with your Financial Aid or Scholarship Office for the application.

The Scholarship will be awarded at the May 5, 2010 meeting of Robert Woodson Chapter, Colonial Dames XVII Century, in Conroe, Tx., for use in the Summer 2010 term or the 2010-2011 school year.

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Teach for America

By Whitney Harris
Editor and Chief

Teach for America is a program dedicated to help students in public schools improve and excel against the odds they face daily in their community, home, etc.

According to the website teachforamerica.com its mission is to build the movement to eliminate educational inequity by enlisting our nation's most promising future leaders in the effort.

Teach for America strives to recruit recent graduates from all backgrounds and career interests to commit to teach for two years in urban and rural public schools. Teach for America provides the training and ongoing support necessary to ensure their success as teachers in low-income communities.

Some incentives to apply include that through Teach for America, corps members are allowed a loan forbearance (a period of time during the repayment period in which the borrower is permitted to temporarily postpone making regular monthly payments) and interest payments on qualified student loans during their two years of service, loan cancellation programs through some state and federal agencies for corps members who complete their two-year teaching commitment, and an education award of \$4,725 at the end of each year of service (a total of \$9,450 over the two years), which may be used toward future educational expenses or to repay qualified student loans.

Corps members are paid directly by the school districts for which they work and generally receive the same salaries and health benefits as other beginning teachers. Salaries range from \$27,000 to 47,500, and while beginning teacher

salaries vary by district, most corps members find that they can live comfortably regardless of their region. Additionally, teachers with graduate degrees receive salaries that are comparable to teachers within their districts who have the same level of education.

Teach for America looks for graduates who demonstrate past leadership and achievement, have achieved ambitious, measurable results in academic, professional, extracurricular, or volunteer settings, can persevere in the face of challenges, possess strong critical thinking skills, and can make accurate linkages between cause and effect and generate relevant solutions to problems. Applicants must also have the ability to influence and motivate others, have a strong organizational ability that involves planning well, meeting deadlines, and working efficiently, and have respect for students and families in low-income communities.

During their two-year commitments, Teach for America corps members see firsthand that educational inequity is solvable and gain a grounded understanding of how to solve it.

Beyond these two years, Teach for America alumni bring strong leadership to all levels of the school system and every professional sector, addressing the extra challenges facing children growing up in low-income communities, building the capacity of schools and districts, and changing the prevailing ideology through their examples and advocacy.

Since 1990, the Teach for America network has grown to include 24,000 individuals. Currently, some 7,300 Teach for America corps members teach in 35 urban and rural areas profoundly affected by the achievement gap.

E-mail Etiquette: don't be rude online

By Aaron Jacobs
Business Manager

No one wants to be caught in an embarrassing situation at work where your boss laughs at an e-mail that isn't professional. E-mail etiquette is not "rules" in the sense that no one will come after you if you don't follow them. They are guidelines that help avoid mistakes (like offending someone when you don't mean to) and misunderstandings (like being offended when you're not supposed to be). But these core rules of e-mail etiquette help us communicate better via e-mail.

1. Always take another look before you send a message. Don't send anything you don't want to send.
2. Do not default to "reply all." "Reply" is good. "Reply to all" is better, right? No it is not.
3. Keep e-mails short, do not intimidate recipients with too much text.
4. Properly format your e-mail replies, and be lazy. Do you think quoting original text in your e-mail replies perfectly is a lot of work? Don't let the ">" intimidate you! There's a very comfortable, relaxed, quick and still clean and compatible way to reply properly.
5. Write perfect subject lines. Do you make these mistakes in your e-mail subjects? (The key to getting your messages read is not to be clever.)
6. Clean up e-mails before forwarding them. Forwarding e-mails is a great way of sharing ideas, but make sure the original idea is not hidden in confusion.
7. When in doubt, send plain text e-mail, not HTML. Not everybody can receive your fancily formatted e-mails. Some may even react furiously. To be safe rather

than sorry, send plain text e-mails only when in doubt.

8. Don't forward hoaxes. E-mail hoaxes often contain stories that are intriguing, and sure to irritate. Here's how to spot and stop urban legends.

9. Use current antivirus software, keep it up to date, scan for free. Make sure you're not spreading worms and viruses via e-mail or act as a vehicle for spreading spam. All this can be caused by malicious e-mails. Fortunately, there's protection.

10. Say why you think what you forward will interest the recipient. More and better communication makes better relationships. Here's a way to spot and share relevant information and foster ties by forwarding e-mails and links.

11. Do let people know their mail has been received. Did the spam filter eat my message? Spare others this nagging question and let them know you got their e-mail.

12. Ask before you send huge attachments. Don't clog e-mail systems without permission.

13. Talk about one subject per e-mail message only. Help make the world less confusing. For another subject, start a new e-mail.

14. Punctuation matters in e-mails too. Comma, colon, hyphen and semicolon — all exist for a reason: they make it easier to understand the intended meaning of a sentence. Don't make life more difficult and possibly less interesting for the recipients of your e-mails. Pay some — though not too pedantically much — attention to punctuation.

15. Use acronyms sparingly. DYK? Not everybody knows every acronym, and they don't save that much time anyway.

16. Resize pictures to handy proportions before inserting them in e-mails. When your photos look

good in your e-mail, you look good, too! Here's how to make sure your images are not larger than screens and mailboxes by resizing them in style — online and for free.

17. Writing in all caps is like shouting. Don't shout in your e-mails (and all caps is so difficult to read).

18. Be careful with irony in e-mails. No, really! I mean it. Honestly!

19. Catch typos by printing your e-mails. You can often find typos or misplaced commas neither your spell checker nor you, yourself catch when proofreading on the screen.

20. How to avoid embarrassing e-mails. Avoid embarrassing e-mails by sending them to yourself only (by default).

21. Set your system clock right. Make sure you don't send messages from 1981.

22. When in doubt, end e-mails with "thanks". If you don't know how to say good-bye at the end of an e-mail, there's one thing that will almost always be appropriate. Thanks.

23. Where to put your signature. Without a line sub-scripted "sign here", how do you decide where to place your e-mail signature? Look here.

24. Wondering "how to put that in writing", write "that". Tell it like it is. Have you noticed how people who you understand perfectly well when you listen to them become cryptic when they start writing?

25. Why you should compress files before sending them via e-mail. Smaller is more beautiful, at least when it comes to e-mail attachments. So make files smaller before you send them via e-mail.

26. Avoid "me too" messages. "Me too" is not enough content, but too much annoyance.

SENIORITIS ALERT



This senioritis is killing me! I've been having the hardest time concentrating in class and I have yet to do any real class-work.

I find myself in class struggling to pay attention because I'm always thinking of something else I would rather be doing than reading and listening in a room with small windows and a chalkboard.

I don't know what is wrong with me. I'm normally an extremely organized and reliable student who enjoys the challenges college brings me, but this semester, it's been entirely too tough for me to hang in there.

The worst part is that I have four classes, two of which are with teachers I've had previously and I attend school only two days a week. So the question "what's my excuse?" comes up all of the time.

My friends have expressed the same issues with me and it's actually pretty scary. We all keep saying we're ready to explore life and move on to the next level, yet we're barely listening in class or even motivated to attend.

I really do need help from someone. What could I possibly do to get out of this funk that I am digging myself into deeper and deeper every day?

I tried to lock myself in my apartment for a couple days and take some "personal days" to gather my thoughts and refocus but I found myself either sleepy or hungry, so that proved to be very unproductive.

Then I attempted to leave the house, and sit in my office to study and break away from the distractions in my room, but once again, I veered away and chose to roam the MSC and look for people to talk to.

So once again, I need help from somebody! I really need to buckle down and finish this step of my life that I am currently in so that I can move forward.

Fellow seniors, whether graduating in May, August, or December what do we do? I know you guys are experiencing similar feelings to mine right now. I see all of you out and about as well, and I know you're not being as studious as you may have been in the past.

This is one of the most important moments in our lives right now, so it would be a tragedy to mess it up now. Let's help each other make sure we walk that stage in the Baby Dome.

Whitney Harris

My brother's keeper

In my contributions to *The Panther*, I usually write about national political issues.

This is because I believe that my fellow Panthers should constantly be challenged in their political thought. That way we don't become part of the masses with a chip on their shoulders towards whoever the media is targeting at the time.

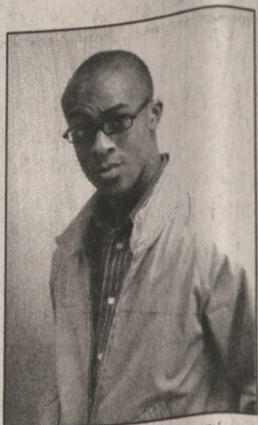
This time, however, I want to address issues a little more close to home.

My question is simply this: "What is your legacy?" As students on the campus of Prairie View A&M University, we are part of an historic legacy that was started over 130 years ago.

It is now not only our honor and privilege, but our duty and responsibility to uphold this legacy beyond all preconceived measures.

Simply put, WE ARE THE HILL. However you want to slice it, dice, or say it, we have to invest ourselves in the success of our peers. I am not saying that we are individually responsible for everyone else's actions. I am saying, however, that we are all individually responsible for the culture we create on the yard.

Gentlemen, I cannot stress this enough: PULL UP YOUR PANTS. It's not cool, fashionable,



Brad Traywick

functional, and FYI the ladies don't find it too attractive either. Ladies, there is a difference between what you wear to class,

and what you wear to the club. Your attire should not be distracting in the classroom. If I'm trying to take notes, and I can see the crack of your behind because you are sitting in front of me, something is wrong.

Everyone, we need to elevate our levels of thinking. Instead of talking about the latest reality TV shows, trade ideas in classes or your feelings on the latest topics in the news. Instead of spending your overpayment check at the mall for a few polos, try investing your money or at least putting it in a savings account. You should have a goal to be worth more than what is in your bank account.

Bradford Traywick

What's up with Clean Access?



Ryan Rudd

Have you been experiencing issues while trying to gain Internet access campus-wide?

Are you familiar with that good old Clean Access agent login screen? Or how about the connection diagnosis that is never diagnosed? Do the aforementioned upset you passionately?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, chances are you've had multiple encounters with Cisco Systems' Clean Access program here on campus.

The program that was installed supposedly to protect our computers from viruses, seems to have done everything but, including frequently denying Internet access to students campus-wide.

True enough, the updates that come with the program are a complete bonus, for both safety and financial reasoning, but it seems as if something is still "fishy" about the program.

It's amazing how you can download hundreds, maybe even

thousands of updates, but still can't get one signal connecting you to the Internet.

To make matters even worse, the viewing of that login screen that just pops up at any given time has a tendency to get a bit irritating after a while.

Speaking as a journalist who wrote the original article explaining the school's new cyber program, even I have trouble logging into the Internet.

Things have gotten so bad that now I can't even gain access to the Internet in the comfort of my own dorm room, the place where I need it most.

During a conversation I had with a group of commuter students, I was told that they don't even bother to bring their laptops to the main campus, because they have such a hard time gaining access to the Prairie View A&M University network.

As far as students on campus are concerned, multiple students have told me that they find themselves in S.R. Collins every week trying to fix a new problem that has presented itself that directly relates to problems with Clean Access.

With all of that being said, something has got to give, which is why I pose the question, what's up with Clean Access?

Ryan Rudd
News Editor

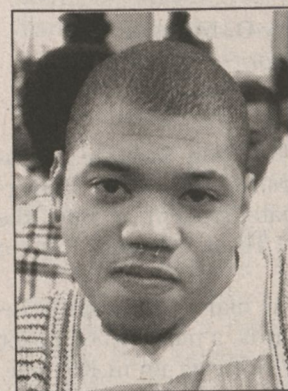
PURPLE & GOLD POLL

Who are the top five producers in the music industry?



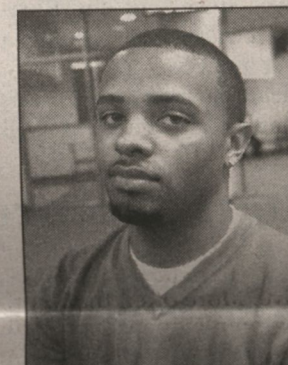
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5. Jazzy Pha

Nefertiti Boyd
Freshman
Communication
and Business



1. Swizz Beats
2. Timberland
3. Neptunes
4. The Dream
5. NeYo

Joseph Cuillier
Senior
Business Marketing



1. Timberland
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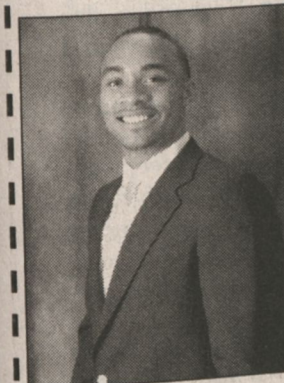
By Perry Osborne-Johnson, The Panther

Staff Member of the Week



Tequelia Lewis
Junior
Communications

SGA Speak Out



Powell

As we continue the semester I could not be more pleased with the efforts and willingness of students to help and be involved in campus

activities and organizations. available. FRESHMEN are also encouraged to come and join SGA through our Panther Aids program.

Upcoming events SGA will be hosting include Speak Up or Shut Up "Financial Aid Edition," "Green Tie Affair," and the highly anticipated PV Choice Awards.

For more information or to pick up an application stop by the SGA office, MSC 2nd floor room 221. If you have suggestions or would like to join the PV Choice Awards committee see Cene Little-Ferguson clittleferguson@pvamu.edu. Contact Courtney Neville csjn06@yahoo.com or Kyle Maronie tmaronie15@yahoo.com for more information on how to help in our university's green movement.

Weekly Challenge

Those who are successful would not have achieved as much without the help of others. I challenge you to either identify a few potential mentors that could help you achieve your goals and also mentees whom you can help. Start a mentor-mentee relationship that could last a lifetime.

Good Luck and God Bless.

Robert Powell
SGA President

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I Love College
By Robert Jordan III



Tennis gets first win

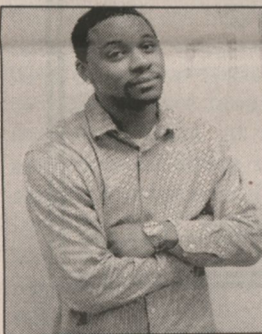
By Channler Hill
Panther Staff

Better late than never; the men's tennis team came out on top when they played against Our Lady of The Lake University, obtaining their first win of the season with a 5-1 victory.

The scores were on each other's necks at the beginning of the match, but Prairie View brought their A game. Second singles player Craig Wiltz dismissed his opponent Carlos Albuja of OLL 6-4, 7-5. Singles player Ronald Chidzikwe defeated OLLU's Kuda Sengui 6-2, 6-1. Prairie View's 3rd singles, Jose Garcia demolished his opponent Jose Olivas 6-1, 6-1. Chris Jordan knocked out his match in two sets much like that of his teammates, but Christian Salinas of OLLU put up a good match, yet it wasn't enough to pull out a win. The match ended with the score set at 6-3, 7-6. Meanwhile 5th singles player Kris Powell conquered his match against Everett Patterson of OLLU 6-2, 6-2. Overall the team pulled through despite the fact that first singles did not pull out a win. OLLU's Santiago Padilla gave Prairie View's Kuda Nyatoti a run for his money, playing a total of three matches, ending with the score 6-3, 4-6, and 12-10.

Now one cannot forget about the incoming freshmen to the team who also pulled their weight and contributed to the Panthers. Jimmy Yates played and defeated OLLU's Jessie Rojas. Lucien Fulty also brought home a win against Michael Ramirez 6-1, 6-2. While Caz Tankersley had to spend a bit more time than his other teammates, but still brought it home in the end playing three sets, 6-2, 7-6, 12-10, against OLLU Ernesto Silva.

C'mon Man



Why not us! Why aren't we able to fill Black-s h e a r Stadium for a football game other than h o m e - c o m i n g ?

Why aren't there rowdy fans yelling behind the opposing team's bench in a packed house at the William "Billy" J. Nicks Building? Do we have to be playing Texas Southern to make signs and come up with chants?

I'm a strong believer in comparing yourself to the best in order to better your situation. The William "Billy" J. Nicks Building can hold up to 6,500 people compared to Texas A&M University's 12,500, but that's not the problem. Our university doesn't give us any incentive to come to the games and a majority of the time you hear about the games by word of mouth or by what looks to be a power point slide show on the television screens in the Memorial Student Center.

Did you know that students at University of Kentucky wait in the freezing cold for up to 12 hours before game-time, and in honor of former coach Tubby Smith being from Scotland, Md., students dress in blue plaid, kilts, and face paint down in the "eRUPtion Zone," the standing room only section behind one of the baskets.

Why can't we have a student section at Prairie View? Is it that our fans don't get live enough or is it because no one has ever tried? I'm sure there are 500-plus students who would want to start a fan section on Prairie View's campus. What we are doing now is OK but it's just not good enough. Why do we always settle for mediocrity when we are extraordinary people at a great university?

A good athletics program can bring so much to Prairie View A&M. Now that the product on the field and on the court has improved over the years, it's time for everyone else to do their part. Every game should look like PV vs. TSU. From the words of photographer and friend Ronald Smith, "We've got to do better!"

Jeremy O. Malone
Sports Editor

Meet the Champ



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

Jemiah Richards: Up and coming boxer from Prairie View A&M University.

By Jeremy O. Malone
Sports Editor

The 2004 Kountze graduate and Prairie View A&M University graduate student is now the Southeast Texas Golden Gloves Champion.

The man of the hour is Jemiah Richards, a man turned boxer who says, "Growing up in Kountze, Texas, boxing was always the best way to solve a dispute." At the age of 10 Richards explained how he and his cousin had a physical confrontation and ever since that day Richards was determined to become a better fighter and boxer.

Richards didn't start seriously training and working out until

after he graduated from Prairie View A&M with his bachelors degree on the 19th of December 2009.

Richards was recruited to Prairie View by former head basketball coach Francis in 2004. He came because his mother was convinced that this was the best place for him.

When asked what got him into boxing Richards said, "It was a courtesy that became fun that led to passion and turned to a genuine love for the sport."

When it comes to role models Richards looks up to Muhammad Ali. "Ali has always been my favorite boxing role model. Ali was not only one of the greatest boxers of all time but one of the major revolutionaries for blacks in America, he embodies the true meaning of a champion with his tireless dedication to the causes he believes in," said Richards.

When asked Richards what he had to overcome during his boxing career he said, "Popping the Cherry" was something he had to overcome.

"It was a lot of hard work and dedication going into my first match, I had to adapt quickly to the speed of the match versus sparring and fighting with 100z gloves versus the usual 16 oz. gloves that I train with," he said.

Richards is currently 2-0, one TKO and unanimous decision. Richards is also currently working on his masters in accounting and when he is not training he says he is either studying or playing video games with his friends.

A Prairie View man who some call Kountze or Champ with an all-around boxing style may be the next big thing coming out of the university that produces productive people.

Fighter: Jemiah Richards
Tournament Record: 2-0
1TKO (Technical Knockout)
Next title defense: February 13th, 2010 Legends Boxing Gym, 602 Pruitt St., Spring, Texas
Time: TBA "stay updated with Jemiah Richards Camp on Facebook"

□ Opponents: Sang Le from (Savanna Boxing Club) in the finals and won on every judge scorecard ...Joel Fuentes (Ray's Boxing Club) in my first match ended in a 2nd Round TKO.

□ Golden Gloves is a national contest that is sponsored and controlled by the Golden Gloves Association of America, Inc. Winners from regional Golden Gloves competitions compete in the national competition, called the Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions. The Tournament of Champions is held once a year. The US Golden Gloves program is currently organized on a territorial basis to give all sections of the country representation.

□ Golden Gloves was established in 1923, the Golden Gloves of America, Inc. and its member franchises have provided an opportunity and environment for young athletes to develop life-time skills. Hundreds of dedicated administrators, coaches, trainers and counselors have unselfishly spent countless time and effort to assist young people in the development of personal character and athletic skills.

□ The Golden Gloves program has led the way in promoting amateur boxing in the United States and has produced the majority of competitors for America's boxing teams in the Pan-Am and Olympic Games.

First place finish

By Whitney Harris
Editor in Chief

The Lady Panthers finished first at the Piney Woods Invitational Bowling Tournament hosted by Stephen F. Austin University on Feb. 6 and 7.

The Panthers finished with a total pin count of 7,886 beating out teams from Southern University, Texas Southern and Grambling State.

During the team play format, Prairie View finished with a 3-1 record losing to Southern by four pins but still finished first in total pin count with 4,470 pins.

Despite finishing with a 2-2 record during their Baker sets, the Lady Panthers held on to become tournament champions.

Senior and business management Phebe Jackson said, "It felt good winning first place because the teams that we beat our SWAC West opponents and if we beat them in this tournament I know we can beat them in the SWAC Round-Up."

Junior LeJewelia Lewis earned All-Tournament Team honors after averaging 202.2 pins per game for five games. Freshman Cynthia Veney earned the second highest pin count for the Panthers averaging 179.4 pins per game with five games.

Coach Glenn White said, "The team did well on some tough lane conditions to finish on top in this tournament. We will enjoy this victory briefly and then get back to work to prepare for our second SWAC Round-Up in two weeks in Alabama. We know we still have a lot of improvements needed to get where we are supposed to be in our game and mentally. Our goal is the SWAC Championship."

Panthers capture victory at home against rival TSU

By Jeremy O. Malone
Sports Editor

The William "Billy" J. Nicks Building was at full capacity Saturday night as the Prairie View A&M Panthers were able to sweep the season series over their archrival Texas Southern University 63-58. Michael Griffin had a game-high 19 of points off the bench, making the decision of Coach Rimm, to take Griffin from a starting role to the sixth man, look like a genius.

At the 7:02 mark the Panthers turned the heat up a notch. At 23-22 Prairie View went on a 15-6 run to close out the first half. Forward Darnell Huges would take over the last few minutes of the half with six quick points. Up by nine the Prairie View faithful were buzzing throughout the Nicks building.

It was a grinding out game between the two opponents for much of the first half, but the Panthers would open the 2nd half with four straight points from Tim Meadows making the score 41-28 at the 18:18 mark.

Prairie View A&M seemed to be geared for an easy victory, but basketball is a game of runs and Texas Southern made theirs. The Tigers clawed their way back into the game



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

Byron Rimm II: Coach Rimm's Panthers were ready Saturday night and are still in reach of a SWAC Championship.

bringing the score to 59-54 going on a 9-1 run at the 8:34 mark. As the Tigers looked poised for a comeback, Prairie View's defense would not allow them to come within five points for the rest of the game.

For the night the Panthers' Darnell Huges scored 13 points and

Duwan Kornegay dropped in 10 for the Panther's victory. Saturday's win marks the first time since before the 1980 season that Prairie View has claimed a four-game winning streak over Texas Southern with conference game sweeps in consecutive years.

Women's track runs in New York

By Kevin Hooks
Panther Staff

Prairie View A&M women's track team has been astonishing fans with their great speed and unity.

Now to the Big Apple, New York City, where the Prairie View A&M women's track team participated in the annual New Balance invitational this past weekend.

Starting with the 60 meter dash, junior and well experienced runner Destiny Jernigan ran very well in heat number two, placing third with an overall time of 8.03, and finishing 40th overall in the heats.

Freshman Raven Turner also competed in the 60 meter dash, running in heat number three, placing a time of 8.15 and finishing 53rd overall.

In the 200-meter dash, freshman Terracia Moody ran outstanding in heat number twelve, placing second with a time of 25.63

and 27th overall, also freshman Raven Turner and sophomore Tamera Dansby also competed in the 200 meter and both runners ran respectively.

In the 400-meter dash, Terracia Moody outran her heat and placed first with a time of 58.05 and 22nd overall.

Junior Whitley Dobbins also competed in this event and placed fourth in her heat, with a time of 1:00.79.

In the 800 meter run, Freshman Myesha Dixon placed third in heat number two, with an overall 16 finish. Fellow freshman Branee Robinson also ran in the 800 meter and performed very well.

In the four by 200 meter relay, the team of Parks, Moody, Johnson, and Turner ran very well together in heat number three by placing a time of 1:44.61 and finishing 16th overall.

In the 4x400 meter relay, the combination of Moody, Margret Harris, Raven, Whitley in heat number two placed first with a time of

3:56.67 finishing 10th overall.

In the 4x800 meters, Leticia Bustamante, Angel Brooks, Robinson, Guadalupe Bustamante placed 12th and 13th overall with a time of 9:47.02.

In the 4000 meter, the team of Leticia Bustamante, Robinson, Guadalupe Bustamante, and Brooks were placed in heat number two and they performed very well by placing 9th and 21st overall with a time of 13:00.34.

Sophomore Corinna Brown participated in the high jump and long jump that demonstrated the versatility and athleticism from the young runner who was pleased with her results.

In the shot put competition, sophomore Megan Mitchell was placed in flight number two and placed 12th, and 54th overall by throwing a distance of 11.05m.

Junior Andréa Chambers was placed in flight number three and performed well enough to capture 8th place and 48th overall by throwing a distance of 11.86m.

UH All-Comers

By Kevin Hooks
Panther Staff

While the women traveled to New York to participate in the new balance invitational, Prairie View A&M men's track team had to stay in the state and take care of business in the UH All-Comers meet last weekend.

Starting with the 60-meter dash, junior Robert Williams ran very well in heat three, with a time of 7.13, placing 5th in the heat and 38th overall, fellow teammates Jaymon Levels, Robert Odhiambo, and Shanton Gore also competed in this event and performed respectively.

In the 200-meter dash, Williams placed second in heat 11, with a time of 22.76 and an overall finish of 18th. Levels, Odhiambo, Deron Jones and Jordan Hoover also competed in the 200-meter dash and finished in times very acceptable.

In the 800 meter, veteran and senior runner Brandon Hicks ran remarkably in heat number one, with a time of 1:55.88, and placed second in his heat, and second overall, sophomore Michael White and first year runners Jodale Burkley and Fernando Hernandez also competed in this competition and performed admirably.

In the one mile run, junior Hernandez ran hard and the results showed in heat number three, placing sixth and an overall 29th finish with a time of 4:48.87, sophomores Patric Range and White also competed in the one mile run and performed very respectively.

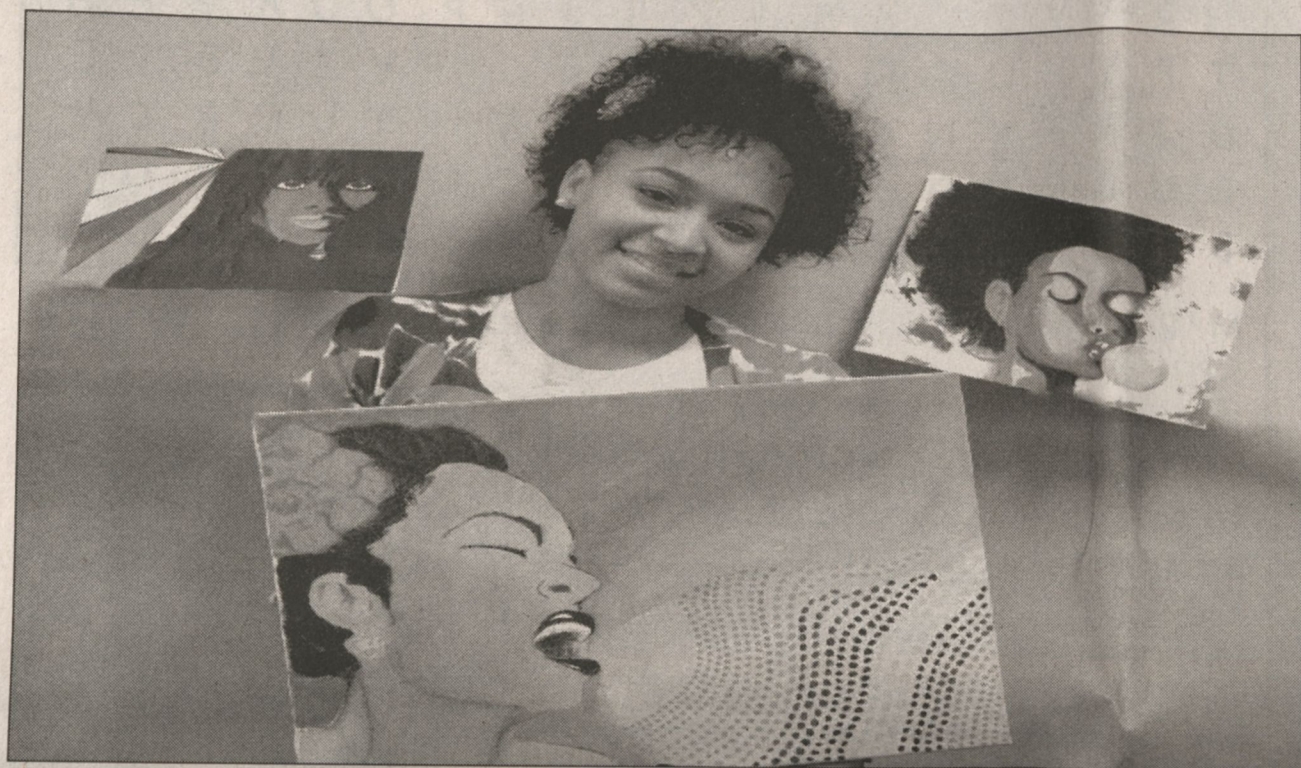
In the 3000m, sophomore Errol Hampton placed 15th and 33rd overall, with a time of 9:40.55, Range, and freshman Juan Morales also competed in this event and were very proud of their performances.

In the 60-meter hurdles, William Donelson placed first in heat number two and an overall finish of 2nd with a time of 8.07. Sophomore Cordarren Solomon also competed in the 60-meter hurdles and performed well.

In the 400-meter relay, the combination of Donnellson, Hicks, Vernon, and Gray placed first in heat number two, and third overall with a time of 3:21.51, the second relay team consisting of Odhiambo, Samples, Williams, and Levels also ran outstanding, performing in heat number three and placed second in their heat, and 8th overall with a time of 3:25.95.

SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK

Highlighting students who excel in their areas of interest



By Robert Jordan III
Media Editor

Don't be fooled by her last name, Shayla Fears becomes fearless when merging creativity into her artwork. The 21-year-old painter from Kansas is inspired by her surroundings to produce ideas for future artwork.

"My pieces represent a bit of me, what I see, and what I would want to see." Surprisingly, Fears began painting in August of 2009, and already has painted and sold over a dozen pieces. In her eyes, expressing herself through creativity is easy. Fears said, "It comes easy because I just have fun with my paintings."

Fears' personality shines through smiles and laughter as she describes why she started painting, "I had an idea of a painting I wanted to hang on my wall but couldn't find it in stores...so I bought some paint and did it myself." After finishing her first art piece, she couldn't stop. Fears began transfer-

ring more colorful ideas on canvases through paint. She birthed her collection of African-American "Afro-Ladies" paintings, while also giving real life names to each piece.

Outside of painting, Fears is also interested in creating music through guitar cords and singing. "Music is an important part of my painting. They are like a marriage to me; I can't have one without the other. Both are creative strokes that challenge my imagination," Fears said her favorite musical artists are Bob Marley, Bilal, Erykah Badu, and Cee Lo Green. It seems that even talking about the people and music genres that motivate her gives her an excuse to gaze off into space in a mediocre daydream.

Where will we see Shayla Fears 10 years from now? Well in her words, you might see her as a "Nomad" or a "Painting, producing, dancing...fool!" Shayla could be a creative innovator influencing upcoming generations to have fun with their personal creativity. "In the end, you have to do what you want to make yourself happy".

Haiti cries for help

By Alexandria Williams
Panther Contributor

Destruction, death, and worry are not things that are limited to a certain race of humans. These are issues that can hit any of us at any time in our lives, especially the people of Haiti. On January 12, 2010, the city of Port-au-Prince (Haiti's capital), as well as surrounding areas were hit with an earthquake of a catastrophic 7.0 magnitude. After the initial earthquake there were 52 aftershocks that followed, drastically increasing the death rate. Although the epicenter was in the town of Léogâne, the Haitian capitol suffered most of the destruction which has left millions affected. The death rate which is now at 100,000 is expected to continually increase.

National monuments such as the Presidential Palace, National Embassy building, Port-au-Prince Cathedral, and the country's main jail were all destroyed. President Barak Obama tried to issue words of comfort when he addressed the nation saying, "To the people of Haiti, we say clearly and with conviction, you will not be forsaken. You will not be forgotten," the president said. "In this, your hour of greatest need, America stands with you. The world stands with you." The American Government didn't waste any time sending relief in the form of food, shelter, doctors, Armed Forces, as well as money. The giving didn't stop with the government, the "Hope for Haiti Telethon", which aired

on January 22, 2010, did its part by raising over \$16 million. The lineup for the show ranged from professional athletes, actors, and musicians. BET (Black Entertainment Network) recently did their part by hosting a concert of their own in Miami, Fla. in order to raise money for the Haitian community. The giving has steadily increased. Prairie View A&M University, as well as other surrounding areas, hosted a program last Wednesday in efforts to raise awareness of how bad the destruction really was. Although it has been almost a month since the destruction, Haitians there are still hurting. We can still do our part by giving. All you have to do is text "YELE" to 501501 in order to give a donation of \$5, or "HAITI" to 501501 in order to give a donation of \$10. Every dollar makes a difference.

SUPPORTING
HAITI'S
SPIRIT OF HOPE

Southeast Texas woman studies long-vanished road

By Blair Dedrick Ortmann
Associated Press

SILSBEE, Texas - There's a lost road in Hardin County. Unlike many forgotten stretches of road, Old Town Bluff Road didn't survive to be paved or even graveled.

It disappeared long before cities took to improving roads and might have remained forgotten if a woman hadn't questioned the burial of a long-dead relative.

As Susan Shine Kilcrease researched the Bozeman Graveyard in Silsbee, she wondered why her several-greats grandfather would have buried a baby there.

Eli Chance, whom Chance Cut-off is named for, lived at Baby Galvez, which was two miles from the cemetery.

"Why is that cemetery where it is? Why would they have built that cemetery out in the woods? Nobody lived there. Why would he have buried her out in the woods?" Kilcrease remembered asking her father, Darrell Shine, who is a surveyor and historian in Hardin County.

Given that this was in the 1840s, burying a relative that far away, when there were plenty of wild animals in the woods, didn't seem reasonable to Kilcrease. Kilcrease's father remem-

bered a 95-year-old man who in 1950 told him about taking a trip from Town Bluff to Beaumont.

The trip took two days in a wagon and carried the man across Village Creek at Cook's Bluff and Pine Island Bayou at Old Concord. The man told Darrell Shine he believed he traveled on Old Town Bluff Road.

Further research found that a north-south road was clearly marked on historic maps, the earliest dated 1835, Kilcrease said.

The road went from San Augustine to Sabine Pass, and probably passed right by the Bozeman Graveyard, which is located between Railroad, Bonner and McKinney streets in Silsbee.

"John Henry Kirby would have built the mill by the road, and they would have built the railroad by the road, that's what they did back then," Kilcrease said. "The interesting part about this road is that it had just about disappeared from history."

Though the road has disappeared, Kilcrease said it could have been in use for much longer than anyone realizes.

"There is a very good possibility that road could have existed into the 1900s," she said,

adding that although the ferry crossing was established in the 1830s, people were most likely forging the river at that spot much earlier. "If the ferry was there, the road was already there."

A Nov. 22, 1936 Works Progress Administration article about Silsbee mentioned the road, proving that it did once exist.

"Town Bluff Road, which once ran through the middle of the town, was one of the oldest and most traveled roads in the country at an early date," the article said. The road was said to run south from Town Bluff on the Neches River in Tyler County, through Spurger, Silsbee, Cook's Bluff, Fletcher and all the way to Beaumont.

"County and state roads are now on parts of this old road bed," the article adds.

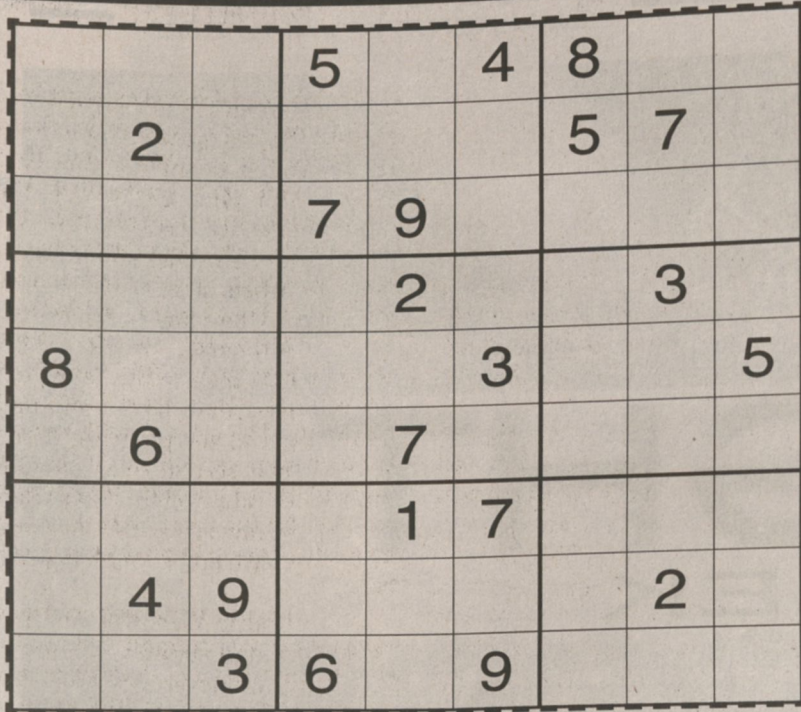
Travelers on the road often camped on a bluff where the Steep Hollows ended in Hardin County. At the bottom of the bluff, the WPA article said, a "beautiful big spring of crystal-clear water" was located.

Regardless, Town Bluff Road was apparently the road less traveled.

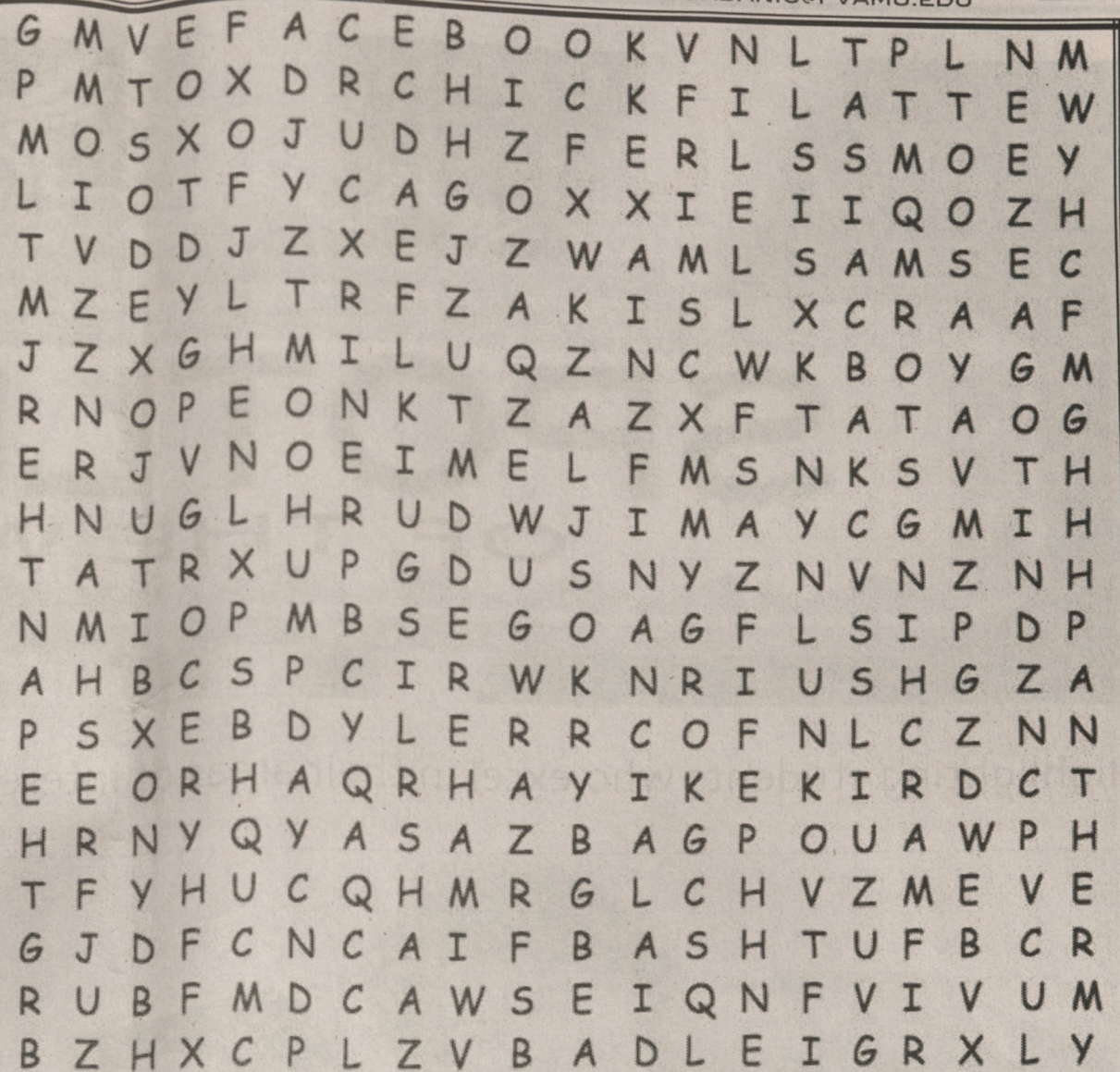
The major north-south road running through Hardin County in the late 1800s was the Liberty to Nacogdoches road, according to "The Hardin County History." The book mentions Town Bluff Road as taking the "right-hand fork."



Welcome back for another productive semester on the hill!
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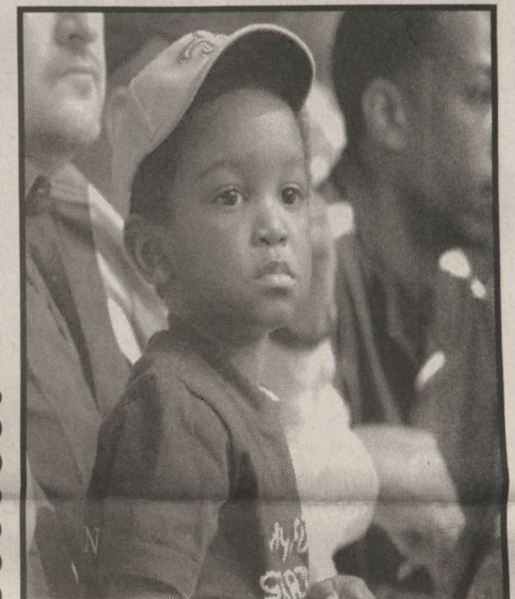
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PIC OF THE WEEK



By Ronald Smith, The Panther

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What are your plans for Valentine's day?

- Spending time with my Boyfriend/Girlfriend.
- Going out on a blind date.
- Hanging with friends.
- Treating myself.
- Try to forget what the

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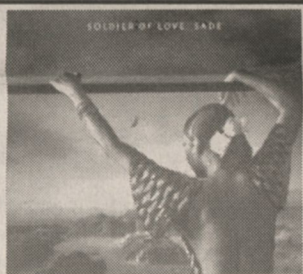
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Robert's Reviews



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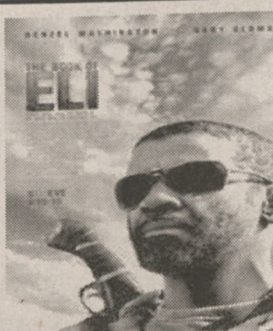
Sade is back yall! A percentage of my childhood was spent listening to this unique woman. With career sales of 50 million albums, Sade is one of the all-time greats of music in this country. No star of British pop's Eighties glory days has endured as she has, retained such a recognisable sound and image, and exercised such rigorous quality control over both. This new record is her first for 10

years – and it's another jewel. To the usual mixture of soul and downtempo beats she has added some piano figures and even, on "Be That Easy", a hint of country slide-guitar. The lyrics focus on abandonment and longing delivered in a voice that sounds more or less unchanged by a failed marriage in the Nineties.

This is only her sixth original studio album, and throughout it there are chord changes and patterns of vocal phrasing that could have come from any of the previous five. Beautifully balanced between warmth and toughness, vulnerability and hauteur, the 10 simple songs here connect seamlessly with those of the previous 26 years to form a kind of giant incantation about human relations.

Eli impressed me right out the box by having no dialogue for almost the first ten minutes of the movie. By the end, we know almost everything we need to about the stranger and the world he inhabits. The stranger walks through the beige deserts and crumbled cities of what used to be our country. The Stranger is an excellent survivalist, and he shows off a resourcefulness that seems obvious yet it's rare in the post-apocalypse.

Rather than walking away from a tragic moments, Washington uses creative fighting techniques to rid the enemy. The producers, The Hughes Brothers, created a solid western and done so in a clever fashion by mixing it between a post-apocalyptic wasteland and a christian failure. The action



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does not disappoint, and neither do the performances, cinematography, and overall direction. I would recommend that anyone who likes action and pholiphy see this movie as soon as possible. The Hughes Brothers have made a well-shot, well-edited, and exciting film, but it also features a very heavy-handed religious message.



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On a cursory level, Young Money is currently the only Hip Hop crew scratching toward mainstream acceptance. With the high celebrity level of Lil Wayne, paired with the Drake success story and newfound Nicki Minaj, Young Money appears to be on the steady climb to industry respect. That is until the member-to-talent ratio is broken down, which is where We Are Young Money meets its most dismal moments.

Ironically enough, neither Drake nor Nicki brought their A-game to this compilation and why should they? This was their first non-mixtape turned album debuts, so they're obviously reserving their powers for their own individual projects. Still they manage to outshine everyone. The Young Mula premies Lil Chuckee and Lil Twist have their own misplaced track called "Girl I Got You", and since they both sound like they're six years old, you can't help but remember how weird Wayne sounded when he first started out eons ago.

The best part of this album was the production to me. Lyrically, the subjects were no different then a track already done on a mixtape. Maybe I should wait for individual albums.

A message from Message,
Ladies, if a guy looks at you crazy in an elevator...
dont check your outfit, check your breath!
Fellas, instead of using your OP check on clothes
and cars... just get "checked!"

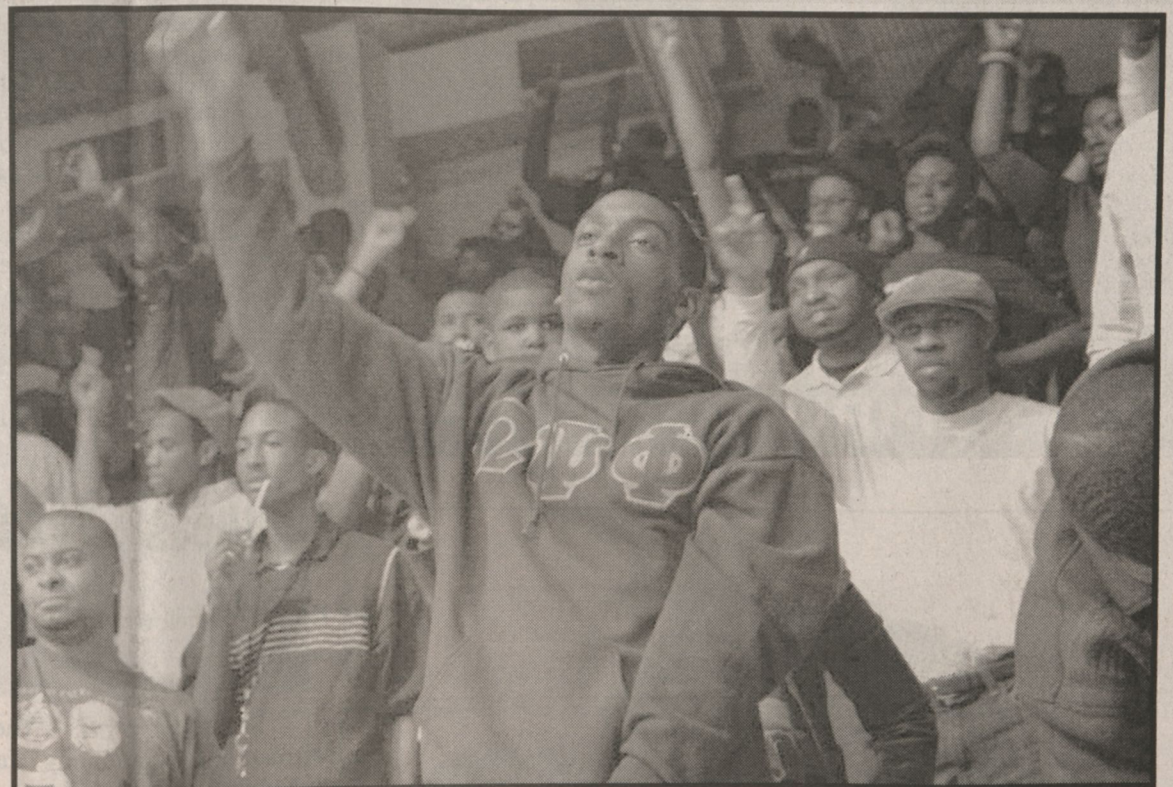
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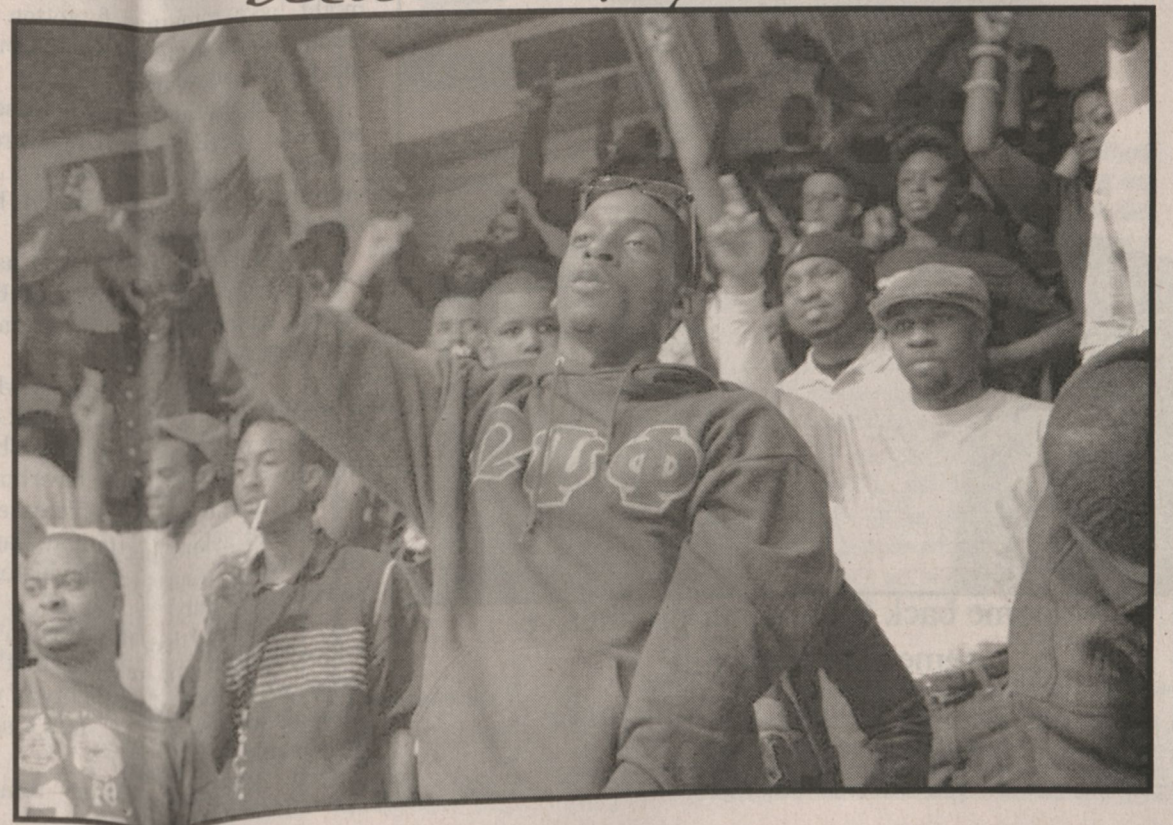
sooverit88 Big ups to @Thepanther_news for having me rolling...the staff is the best...ayyyyyyeee

2 minutes ago from web

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*Find five differences
between the pictures*



PARTY BOYZ HAS THE WHOLE WORLD FLEXING

By Jessica Ferguson
Panther Staff

Over the last few years, Prairie View has made its mark on the music industry producing such artists as Dorrough Music, SuperSTAAR, and Bone to name a few. The latest to hit the scene is the Party Boyz.

Brought to us by DJ Mr. Rogers and DSF, the Party Boyz are making moves in the music industry and have the whole world dancing. The Party Boyz, composed of Duce Phat, Pudge, Ice Boogie, Big Chris, J Stew, and Shawtime, is more than just musicians, they are self-proclaimed entertainers. They are the life of every party.

Their hit song "Flex" can be heard on airways everywhere and is streamed thousands of times daily

on the Internet. The talent portrayed in this song has opened major doors for this young, talented group. They signed with Hitz Committee Entertainment/Jive Records near the end of 2009. The Hitz Committee is home to artists such as Dallas rapper Trai'D, Huey, and K. Michelle.

Although some have thought that they would be a "one hit wonder," they have continued on the road to success with the release of their second single "Daddy Stroke." They have clubs everywhere rocking, flexing and daddy stroking. They also have other works in progress.

Prairie View will continue to produce and support productive people in whatever industry they choose. If you would like to support the Party Boyz, go to the BET website and vote to get "Flex" in the countdown.



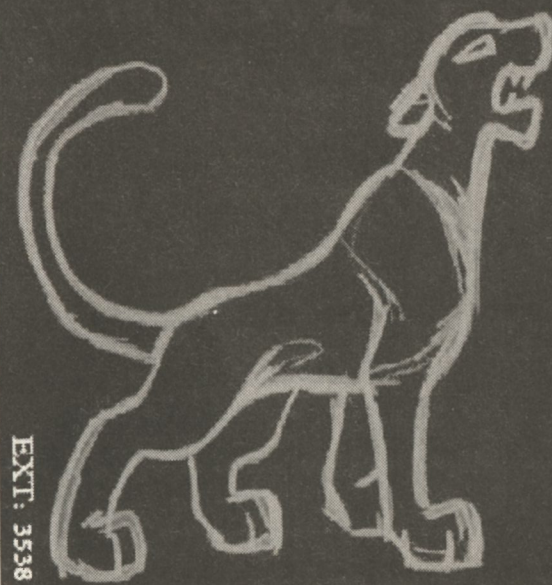
Student Government Association

Attention: Looking for Freshmen Leaders

Apply to become a SGA Panther Aide
freshmen leadership experience program

Information Session:
Feb 11 in the senate chambers @ 6pm

Applications are in the SGA
office and are due
Feb 17 at 5:00 pm in the SGA office



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Please contact mwoods@pvamu.edu for more questions.



"Breathing Away"

By Tia Simmons
Panther Contributor

If there was any way
I could tell you to come closer
Inhale with me
Exhale with me
Come here
Just a little
Bit closer

We are miles apart
As we both lay here
Drifting away
In the dark
Separate atmospheres
We lay here
Out of tune
Partially deaf

No remorse
No more guilt
We play games
And cheat death
But we lay here
No sound
No escape

We have cheated our fate
We lay wide awake
Eyes closed
Ask for God
To forsake of our sins
Yet we do it again
Our tale
Has no end
We lay here

Foster Care Alumni At Prairie View

You are invited to
"Chat and Chew"
Monday, Feb 15 at 4 p.m.
UC Panther Room

The Foster Care Alumni student network
at Prairie View (FCA-PV)
would like to connect with you.

Any questions? Contact:
Ila Schauer at 936-261-5909
or email Vivian Dorsett at vivian_dorsett@yahoo.com
or come to the UC Advisement Center and ask for Ms Schauer

2010 QUESTIONS?

1. Where has PV school spirit gone?
2. Who was the Sigma Rhomero who cussed out the TSU cheerleaders?
3. Who are the new bops on the football team?
4. Speaking of sports, what basketball player should spend less time boogie-ing, and more on free throws?
5. How many fake accents came out after the Saints won?
6. Who was the girl lip syncing at the talent show?
7. Whose rendition of Melonie Fiona literally "Killed" us?
8. Why do the male cheerleaders keep doing backflips in the MSC?
9. Don't they know that fairies fly?
10. Whose bright idea was it to have Pantherland Day on the weekend of All-star/Mardi Gras/Valentines Day?
11. How many people will dump their boo to go to All-Star/Mardi Gras?
12. Where is Dr. Wrong?
13. Will he ever bring Greek life back to PV?
14. Who knows how to jail break an iPhone?
15. No really has Dr. Wrong been MIA?
16. Is he pledging?
17. If he was Greek what would he be?
18. Are the people who got caught hazing sweating bullets right now?
19. Who dat?
20. What do you think?

This is for entertainment only. The questions submitted are not the views of The Panther. Want to tell us what you think? Please bring your comments and questions to Rm. 219 MSC or e-mail us at panther@pvamu.edu. Questions are printed at the discretion of The Panther.

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2010

FEBRUARY 16 Classroom Visits – Campus Wide

9:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Mock Interviews – Evans Hall, 2nd Floor

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Dress Code: Business

FEBRUARY 17 Non-Tech Majors Career Fair

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Willie A. Tempton MSC Ballroom

Dress Code: Business

Networking Social

Willie A. Tempton MSC 2nd Floor Foyer

(6:00 pm – 8:00 pm)

Dress Code: Business

FEBRUARY 18 Science Math Engineering & Technology (SMET) Career Fair

Willie A. Tempton MSC Ballroom

(10:00am – 3:00pm)

Dress Code: Business

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This Week On The Hill

Thursday, February 11

Alpha Psi Lambda Week

Kappa Kappa Psi Week

Campus Activities Board

Speed Dating...Bachelor

Basket Bash

MSC Ballroom 204

3 p.m - 10 p.m.

Miss PVAMU

Workshop on relationships

and marriage: Dream Day

Memorial Student Center

Student Lounge Rm. 218

6:30p.m - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, February 12

Black History

Black History

Documentary Film Series

Memorial Student Center

Student Lounge Rm. 218

12:30p.m - 2 p.m.

Saturday, February 13

Recruitment &

Management

Spring 2010 Pantherland

Day

MSC Auditorium Rm. 111,

Conference Rms. 201-203,

MSC Foyer, MSC Lawn

9 p.m - 5 p.m.

Sunday, February 14

All Faiths Chapel

Worship Experience

10 a.m.

Zeta Phi Beta Week

Monday, February 15

Phi Mu Alpha/Sigma

Alpha Iota Week

The Light

The Light Bible Study

Memorial Student Center

Lounge Rm. 218

6 p.m - 8 p.m.

University College-AA

Evening with Tony Spears,

Boys Scouts of America

Architecture Auditorium

6:30 p.m-8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 16

Back 2 Basic

Professional Dress Day

Reception

MSC Lounge RM 218

12 p.m - 1 p.m.

Career Services

Spring 2010 Career Fair

Activities

MSC Ballroom Rm. 204

10 a.m - 3 p.m.

Minority Assoc of

Pre-Medical Students-

NSBA103

M.A.P.S meeting

New Science Bldg. Rm.

A103

5 p.m -6 p.m.

Special Programs

S.P.I.T Knowledge: Bobby

Seale

MSC Auditorium Rm. 111

5p.m - 10 p.m.

Wednesday, February 17

Career Services

Spring 2010 Career Fair

Activities

MSC Ballroom Rm. 204

10 a.m - 3 p.m.

Weather



Rain

High: 44 °F
Low: 32 °F



Mostly cloudy

High: 51 °F
Low: 35 °F



Mostly sunny

High: 57 °F
Low: 37 °F



Breezy with periods of sun

High: 55 °F
Low: 37 °F



A full day of sunshine

High: 55 °F
Low: 38 °F



Warmer with plenty of sun

High: 61 °F
Low: 47 °F



Mostly sunny

High: 62 °F
Low: 48 °F